Merger of MPs RDFs and MPs LAD Fund

†1372. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the absence of required ratio of wages/articles in the Employment Guarantee Scheme, some programmes are not being sanctioned, if so, whether it is being reconsidered; and

(b) whether M.Ps Rural Development Fund Scheme on the lines of M.Ps Local Area Development Fund is under consideration, or whether suggestion for merger of both of them is under consideration?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) The aim of NREGA is to provide 100 days of guaranteed wage employment to every rural household in a financial year for doing unskilled manual work on demand. The Act provides that the cost of material component of projects including the wages of the skilled and semi-skilled workers taken up under the scheme shall not exceed 40% of the total project costs. The wage: material ratio of 60:40 is, however, maintained at the district level. The issue is not under reconsideration of the Government.

(b) No, Sir.

Targets of Indira Awaas Yojana

1373. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what were the target of Indira Awaas yojana in the last three years;

(b) how much of the target have been fulfilled; and

(c) what are the estimates of homeless people in rural areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) to (c) As per the information furnished by the Office of Registrar General of India based on 2001 Census, total housing shortage in rural areas throughout the country was 148.33 lakh houses as on 1.4.2001. The targets fixed under IAY and the targets achieved during the last three years, are indicated in the Table below:

(*Units in number*)

Year	Physical targets fixed under IAY	Physical targets achieved
2004-05	1562356	1521305
2005-06	1441241	1551923
2006-07	1533498	1498367
TOTAL:	4537095	4571595

Criteria for job cards under the NREGs in Uttarakhand

†1374. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) whether any target and criterion has been fixed for making job cards under the National Rural Employment Guarantee scheme;

(b) if so, the number of job cards issued so far under this scheme in various districts in Uttarakhand; and

(c) the average number of days for which employment has been provided on job cards in this State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) No, Sir. NREGA is demand driven. All households in a rural area whose adult members volunteer to do unskilled manual work have to apply for registration to the local Gram Panchayat in writing or orally. The Gram Panchayat, after due verification issue a Job card to the household as a whole.

(b) and (c) In the first phase, NREGA was applicable in 3 districts of Uttarakhand namely Chamoli, Champawat and Tehri Garhwal. It was extended to 2 more districts, *viz.* Udham Singh Nagar and Haridwar during 2007-08. District-wise number of job cards issued and the average number of days for which employment has been provided during the years 2006-07 and 2007-08 (upto January, 2008) are given in the enclosed statement.

Statement

District-wise member of job cards issued and the average number of days of employment provided during 2006-07 *and* 2007-08 *(upto January,* 2008*)*

Sl. No.	Name of District	No. of Job Cards issued in 2006-07	Average No. of days of employment provided in 2006-07	No. of Job Cards issued in 2007-08	Average No of days of employment provided in 2007-08
1.	Chamoli	57835	36.8	61409	29.8
2.	Champawat	32212	22.2	32212	30.7
3.	Tehri Garwal	109189	27.4	109191	39
4.	Udham Singh Nagar			58388	20.8
5.	Haridwar			58068	27.9

Launching of NREGS in Tamil Nadu

1375. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Rural Employment Guarantee scheme has been launched in all the districts of Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the total allocation of funds transferred to the State of Tamil Nadu till now?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. NREGA was launched in 6 districts of Tamil Nadu in the first phase with effect from 2.2.2006 and was extended to 4 more districts with effect from 1.4.2007. All the remaining districts of the State have been notified for coverage under the Act in the third phase with effect from 1.4.2008.

(c) A sum of Rs. 184.09 crore was released to the State during the year 2006-07 and Rs. 516.09 crore have been released to the State so far during the current year.